

**APPENDIX C**  
**REPORT OF LAWYER-GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

In the Matter of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have reviewed and accept my powers and duties as LGAL, as prescribed in MCL 712A.17d; MSA 27.3178(598.17d). I have done the following to fulfill my duties prescribed by law:

1. As the independent representative for the child(ren)'s best interests, I have conducted an independent investigation to determine the facts of the case by:
  - ☐ interviewing the child(ren) on [inset dates and methods of contact, such as in person or by telephone]: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ interviewing the social workers on [insert dates]: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ interviewing family members on [insert dates]: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ interviewing others as necessary as follows [insert names and dates]: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
1. Before each hearing, including the next hearing set for \_\_\_\_\_, I have done the following:
  - ☐ Met with and observed the child(ren) on [insert dates]: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Assessed the child(ren)'s needs and wishes with regard to my representation and the issues in the case
  - ☐ Reviewed the agency case file and most recent court report
  - ☐ Consistent with the rules of professional responsibility, consulted with the child(ren)'s parents, foster care providers, guardians, and caseworkers as follows [insert names and dates]: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I have made a determination regarding the child(ren)'s best interests, and I advocate for those best interests as I understand them to be, regardless of whether my determination reflects the child(ren)'s wishes. In making my determination, I have weighed the child(ren)'s wishes according to his/her competence and maturity. My determination of the child(ren)'s best interests regarding placement and other pertinent issues are as follows:  
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3. I have monitored the implementation of case plans and court orders and have determined as follows:

- Court-ordered services ☐ have / ☐ have not been provided in a timely manner
- The family ☐ has / ☐ partially has / ☐ has not taken advantage of the services
- Court-order services ☐ are / ☐ are not accomplishing their intended purpose

(If applicable) My specific concerns regarding implementation of case plans and court order are as follows:

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1. (If applicable) I have failed to fulfill one or more of my duties for the following reasons [list unfulfilled duties and explanation]:

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2. Other notes or recommendations:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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